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Alleged supersession of the claims of Mr. Abbas Ali.

* 772 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the names of Messrs. Abbas Ali and N. Chandrasekhara Ayyar were both considered about June last year by the Government for appointment as District Judges;

(b) whether the appointments were not then made on the ground that for temporary vacancies for the Judicial Department it is inadvisable to make appointments from members practising at the Bar; and

(c) why when the appointment of City Civil Court Judge fell vacant the claims of Mr. Abbas Ali were overlooked?

A.—(a) to (c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 719.

Valuation of small cause suits filed in sub-courts, when the value is below and above Rs. 500.

* 773 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether in small cause suits entertained in sub-courts, a court-fee of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent is levied on all such suits of the value below Rs. 500, and of $11\frac{1}{4}$ per cent on suits of the value of Rs. 500 and above;

(b) if not, in which courts it is so levied; and

(c) whether the Government propose to remove the anomaly by amending the Court Fees Act, if necessary, so as to levy only $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent court-fee on all small cause suits triable by Subordinate Judges?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

The court-fee leviable on small cause suits of value not exceeding Rs. 500 is $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and that on suits of value exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000 is $11\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

(c) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he is aware that his predecessor in office at the time of the budget discussions in March last gave a clear undertaking that he would get modifications made early with regard to court fees and why this long delay?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The High Court had to be consulted in the matter and the rules had to be drafted, but I hope orders will be issued very early."

Alleged delay in the granting of certified copies in Civil and Revenue courts in the mufassal.

* 774 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were made to the Government that there is usually inordinate delay in the granting of certified copies in Civil and Revenue courts in the mufassal; and